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LAUNCHING OF COMMUNICATION SATELLITE
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Space Research Organisation is considering to launch a communication satellite in collaboration with an American Company;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard; and

(d) the details of benefits likely to be accrued to India from the launching of this satellite?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER`S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN):

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Indian Space Research Organisation and Antrix Corporation are holding discussion with Boeing Satellite Systems of USA to evolve a programme to manufacture and market 2 - tonne class of communication satellites globally.

(c) The teaming arrangements are still being discussed and final decisions will be subject to identification of suitable customers in the international market.

(d) The team arrangement is expected to provide market access for ISRO developed satellite technology in the highly competitive market.